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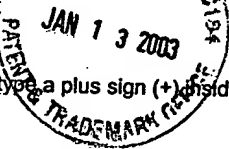
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated December 12, 2002, reconsideration and removal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested. Applicant firmly believes that the application may be most efficiently examined if all of the groups were searched at one time. See MPEP §803.

In the alternative, applicant hereby elects the invention of Group I, claims 1-4, for examination in the above-captioned patent application. This election is without traverse. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application for the subject matter of the non-elected claims of Groups II and III at a later date.



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